



Docket: 33728/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor:	Fritz Kirchhofer	
Appln. No.:	10/717,766	
Filing Date:	November 20, 2003	Examiner: H. Benjamin
Title:	Safety Cannula	Group Art Unit: 3767

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U. S. mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 1st day of December, 2006.

Frances E. Egan
(Signature)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.